

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1           3. A system of managing cluster configurations of a  
2 computing environment, said system comprising:

3           means for executing a distributed configuration  
4 component on a plurality of nodes of a cluster of said  
5 computing environment; and

6           means for providing configuration consistency of  
7 said cluster using the distributed configuration  
8 component.

1           4. The system of claim 3, wherein said means for  
2 providing comprises means for comparing data in a local  
3 storage with data in a global storage to determine whether a  
4 node can join said cluster.

1       5. At least one program storage device readable by a  
2 machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of  
3 instructions executable by the machine to perform a method  
4 of managing cluster configurations of a computing  
5 environment, said method comprising:

6                   executing a distributed configuration component on  
7 a plurality of nodes of a cluster of said computing  
8 environment; and

9                   providing configuration consistency of said  
10 cluster using the distributed configuration component.

1       6. The at least one program storage device of the  
2 method of claim 5, wherein said providing comprises  
3 comparing data in a local storage with data in a global  
4 storage to determine whether a node can join said cluster.

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